

8:3097\_1  
JMS/LMH/CMC/lab  
November 14, 2008

PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney's Docket No.: 1159 1004-005

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

NOV 14 2008

Applicants: Steven A. Bogen and Herbert H. Loeffler  
Application No.: 09/702,298 Group: 1797  
Filed: October 31, 2000 Examiner: Lyle Alexander  
Confirmation No.: 3668  
For: Automated Slide Stainer with Slide Housing (As Amended)

<b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION</b>	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P O Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on	
<u>Nov. 14, 2008</u> Date	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature
<u>CHRISTINE A. BUDD</u> Typed or printed name of person signing certificate	

REPLY

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 14, 2008, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: